

COMMITTEE ON JOINT SCHOOL BUILDINGS

July 18, 2001

5:30 PM

Chairman Herbert called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Pinard and Thibault, School Committee Members
Leonard, Herbert and Paradis

Messrs: T. Clougherty, R. Chapman, K. Sheppard

Chairman Herbert addressed Item 3 of the agenda:

Minutes of a meeting held on June 20, 2001.

On motion of Alderman Thibault, duly seconded by Alderman Pinard, it was voted to accept the minutes.

Chairman Herbert addressed Item 4 of the agenda:

High School Stages --

- a) Project Financial Report

Mr. Clougherty stated at this time we would ask the Chairman to take a motion to accept the project as being complete. You will find that there are required signatures necessary for that.

On motion of School Committee Member Paradis, duly seconded by Alderman Pinard, it was voted to accept this project.

Chairman Herbert addressed Item 5 of the agenda:

Henry J. McLaughlin Jr. Middle School --

- a) Project Financial Report
- b) Status Report

Mr. Clougherty stated the first item labeled Henry McLaughlin Middle School is in regards to the 1998 construction project that is still open because of the roof

leaks and I just received word today that Bonnet, Page & Stone will be starting the measures that were identified to resolve the leaking roof tomorrow morning.

Alderman Pinard moved to table this item until the next meeting to make sure that Bonnet, Page & Stone does the work.

Mr. Clougherty stated this will continue to be an agenda item until the project is accepted. It is just on here for discussion.

Chairman Herbert stated he is not asking for us to approve anything at this point.

School Committee Member Paradis stated I just want to mention that it was the designers fault and not Bonnet, Page & Stone's right.

Mr. Clougherty replied that is our assumption at this point. We will know more once the roof is not leaking.

School Committee Member Paradis stated it started leaking again because we received another letter a couple of weeks ago.

Mr. Clougherty replied right but it was during a driving rainstorm and we are hoping that the measures we are taking now will remediate that.

School Committee Member Paradis asked do you think they are going to take off that design or do you have any idea at all.

Mr. Clougherty answered what they are going to be doing is there are half circle shaped louvers that are really close to the top of the roof or the floor of the roof. They are about 18" above it and we think that...the most significant time of leaking is after a snowstorm when the wind blows and we think it is actually blowing up into those louvers so they have designed some baffles that will basically block off part of the louvers at the bottom section to try to prevent that.

School Committee Member Paradis asked so they are going to leave them on, the green louvers, right.

Mr. Clougherty answered you won't notice anything different aesthetically. You shouldn't. That is what I have been told.

Mr. Chapman stated I am assuming that this work going to be done before school starts.

Mr. Clougherty answered I have stressed that in every conversation I have had with them and that is what I have been promised.

Mr. Chapman stated one of the things with the accounting status is...at some point for our financial purposes we should say that this project is completed and start using some numbers. It is not going to cost us anymore so we should start getting all the paperwork together.

Mr. Clougherty replied financially the project is complete. We should be looking to put that together for the state reimbursement.

School Committee Member Paradis stated so we did give them the \$50,000 that we were retaining. We have paid them up fully.

Mr. Clougherty replied that was released. I didn't verify with Finance that they actually cut the check but that is my assumption. I would have heard back from them otherwise.

Chairman Herbert addressed Item 6 of the agenda:

ADA Accessibility/School Elevators --
Parker-Varney Elevator/ADA Improvements

- a) Project Financial Reports
- b) Architect's Status Report

Mr. Clougherty stated Pilot Construction is moving forward with the elevator addition for the Parker-Varney School and also the bathroom and ADA improvements that we have. They are just about complete with the CMU, the cinderblock work, and they are progressing along with the brick veneer. They are also working on the interior getting ready to mobilize steel decking and roofing in the next week as well as in the middle of next week they will be mobilizing their mechanical and electrical contractors.

Chairman Herbert asked do you expect this to be done by the beginning of the next school year.

Mr. Clougherty answered I am fully hoping that it will be. That is our intention and that is what the contractor has told us all along. I met with him as recently as Monday afternoon. One way or the other we will make sure that it will not impact the operation of the school.

Chairman Herbert addressed Item 7 of the agenda:

Central and West Heat & Ventilation Improvements Phase V --

- a) Project Financial Reports
- b) Engineer's Status Report

Mr. Clougherty stated this is Phase V, which is last year's project. Primarily it is the Central High School Practical Arts building. We are about 99.9% complete on this. There are a couple of items that are outstanding that I just want to hold the project open until those are completed. I met with the contractor last week to make sure that we are making progress on it. Nothing major but we are still expecting it to be completed by them.

Chairman Herbert asked is it your hope that by the next meeting it will be done.

Mr. Clougherty answered I hope so.

Chairman Herbert addressed Item 8 of the agenda:

NORESCO Performance Contract --

- a) Project Financial Report

Mr. Clougherty stated the NORESKO Performance Contract is on our list still. We are still looking for something from Mr. Chapman and the School District as far as an executed agreement on the annual maintenance portion on that.

Mr. Chapman stated Kevin and I will probably have that resolved tomorrow.

Chairman Herbert asked so this is another item that we will probably be wrapping up next month.

Mr. Sheppard answered there is one remaining change order with NORESKO that is contingent upon this agreement that Ron Chapman and I are working on so once we get that agreement we can probably execute that contract and close out the contract. This item with NORESKO we have been trying to do for a while.

Chairman Herbert addressed Item 9 of the agenda:

Roofing Projects - Manchester Schools --

- a) Project Financial Report
- b) Consultant's Status Report

Mr. Clougherty stated the first two I would like to talk about are Weston and MST. Those are 100% complete. We are going to be working on getting signatures for final sign-off on that. I gave John Rist a call last week over at MST

to make sure that we had no further leaks over there. We have had some pretty significant thunderstorms over the past two, three and four weeks and he said everything is A-OK. I asked him to call me as soon as there is a problem and he said he would. I haven't heard from him so I am assuming at this point that everything is good over there and we will be collecting those signatures. The Parkside Middle School roofing project with Multi-State Roofing is moving forward. They began removing ballasts and they should have begun doing tear off and installation of the new system over there today. Once again, we are looking to have that complete by the end of the summer. If not, we will be minimizing any impact to the school. The next one would be the McDonough roof. The upper portion on that is complete at this time. There is some flashing work that has to be done around the perimeter and the contractor is working on the lower sections of the roof currently. That one we fully expect to be complete this summer as well. The Central High School Industrial Arts roofing project, I have gotten commitment from the contractor that it will be complete this summer, however, we have not begun. I think I have a meeting with them next week. A pre-construction meeting on that.

Chairman Herbert asked is the size of that project comparable to a full school re-roofing or is that a smaller project.

Mr. Clougherty answered it is a smaller project. They really shouldn't have any problems. Their material lead-time should be relatively small so if they put the right crew on it they should be able to get it wrapped up in a few weeks.

Chairman Herbert replied good. It would be nice to have that done.

School Committee Member Paradis asked what kind of roof is it they are putting on. Is it the rubber?

Mr. Clougherty answered no. It is going to be a built up roof. It is a four-ply built up roof.

School Committee Member Paradis asked when you say built up do you mean at an angle.

Mr. Clougherty answered no. A built up roof is built in layers. There is asphalt and different other products. We looked at putting a membrane roof but because of the height of the building...it is obviously pretty low. It is a one-story structure and there is a lot of debris that gets thrown on the roof like bottles and rocks and bicycle tires, etc.

School Committee Member Paradis asked are they removing the old roof.

Mr. Clougherty answered yes they are.

School Committee Member Paradis asked would another story be able to be added to that or would the roof have to be removed if we had to add another story.

Mr. Clougherty answered it really has nothing to do with the roof. You really have to look at the foundation and the structure of the building and do a structural analysis of it before that determination could be made.

School Committee Member Paradis asked do you know off-hand...do they ever do that for instance like put another story over a roof. It is like Memorial. They are always telling me that at Memorial they cannot put a second story onto any of that building.

Chairman Herbert answered that wouldn't have anything to do with the roof. That has to do with the foundation.

Mr. Clougherty stated it is your footings, your foundation size, etc.

Chairman Herbert stated I want to thank the Aldermen again because they came in with the money at the last minute.

Mr. Clougherty stated on Item 9 I just wanted to add that we are working on design of the balance of the roofs that you see listed. At this point, we are not very confident that we are going to have any of those done this summer, but we are doing some evaluations on the roofs to find out the actual extent of the damages we are looking at to make sure that we are moving in the right direction there and we will be moving forward with design.

Chairman Herbert stated that Classical is a beautiful roof.

Mr. Clougherty replied it is a beautiful roof and it is expensive to repair.

Chairman Herbert stated I don't know when that roof was last...

School Committee Member Paradis interjected that is probably the original roof. Is it slate and copper?

Mr. Clougherty replied it is a slate roof with copper valleys and flashings.

Chairman Herbert stated well they may have repaired it but whatever it cost we got our money's worth. Those things last forever besides being very attractive.

So that would be Northwest, Wilson, Hallsville, Ash Street and Central Classical. Did I miss any there?

Mr. Clougherty replied the Practical Arts building.

Chairman Herbert stated so in all likelihood those will be done next season.

Mr. Clougherty replied most likely. They have to be looked at on an individual basis. There may be some stuff we can do during the school year, either during the fall or during the spring, but for the most part we are looking at summer construction during the FY2002 break.

Chairman Herbert addressed Item 10 of the agenda:

Asbestos Abatement - Green Acres School --

- a) Project Financial Report
- b) Status Report

Mr. Clougherty stated things are moving forward very well with this project. The contractor has completed two phases of the abatement and they are working on the third phase. I wasn't over there today, but as of yesterday they were looking to start that third phase today, which means that all of the asbestos is moved out of roughly 67% of the school or 2/3 of the school. The first phase has ceiling grid installed in it and the contractor is working on installing the new lights, exit signs, smoke detectors, etc. and he will be moving on to the second phase after that. Things are moving well with that. We expect this project to be on time. One note that I had down here on the agenda is relative to the Airport Sound Insulation Program, during the design phase of this project...actually after it was bid in conversations with the Airport it was brought up that the sound mitigation area has been expanded due to the runways expansion and the different Airport expansions. This allowed Green Acres to be subject to the sound mitigation measures. As part of that, I talked to the Airport about the scope of the project that we had going on and they had some concerns because we were replacing the ceiling tiles. Some of these sound mitigation measures that are potentially involved include removal of ceiling tiles and replacement with more acoustically deadening tile. We were able to work with the Airport and their designer to come up with an alternative ceiling tile to install at Green Acres. It is a much thicker tile. We also put in another layer of insulation on top of the tile and we coordinated that with the general contractor and issued a change order in the amount of \$116,000 to replace those tiles. All that work will be paid for by the Manchester Airport.

Chairman Herbert stated I noticed two projects here. One is the gym. What project are you referring to? We have Green Acres School Asbestos Abatement

Project by Brookstone and then McDonough/Green Acres Gym Asbestos Abatement Project.

Mr. Clougherty replied I am referring to the one on the left-hand side on Page 10A.

Mr. Chapman asked does McLaughlin also fall into that area.

Mr. Clougherty answered I have to imagine that McLaughlin falls into that area. I am just speculating, but there is a good chance that McLaughlin was designed around that. I am not sure if that was coordinated, but I have asked those questions. I haven't gotten any final answer yet.

Mr. Chapman stated well we are just adding all of that space now on the Southeast side or whatever side...

School Committee Member Paradis interjected that was brought up. Noise from the highway and the Airport were brought up three and a half years ago before that school was built. At that time, the same was where my house is behind the mall, it was not in the sound proofing area. We were below by three or four decibels or whatever.

Chairman Herbert asked Mr. Clougherty to investigate and report back next month.

Mr. Clougherty stated I am basically going to ask the architect if during the time of programming with City personnel if that was brought up as an issue regarding sound insulation. I will check with the Airport as well.

Chairman Herbert addressed Item 11 of the agenda:

CHS/WHS Electrical Improvements --

- a) Project Financial Report
- b) Engineer's Status Report

Mr. Clougherty stated on this item we respectfully ask the Chairman for a motion to accept this project. As you can see, the necessary signatures for acceptance have been provided. It is 100% complete.

On motion of Alderman Pinard, duly seconded by School Committee Member Paradis, it was voted to accept this project.

Mr. Clougherty stated on the Green Acres project that we talked about I would like to ask you to take a vote to accept that change order for the \$116,239.

On motion of School Committee Member Paradis, duly seconded by School Committee Member Leonard, it was voted to accept a change order for the Green Acres School Asbestos Abatement in the amount of \$116,239.

School Committee Member Paradis stated I do have a question on Page 10B. It says Asbestos Abatement, \$303,440. Why is that?

Mr. Clougherty replied that is the base contract.

School Committee Member Paradis asked that has nothing to do with this \$116,239 at all.

Mr. Clougherty answered their base contract is \$303,440 and we issued a change order for \$116,239 so their contract is now \$419,679.

Chairman Herbert addressed Item 12 of the agenda:

McLaughlin Middle School Addition --

- a) Project Financial Report
- b) Architect's Status Report

Mr. Clougherty stated the cafetorium and classroom and parking lot addition at McLaughlin – the project is moving very, very well. We are real happy with the contractor, as well as the architect over there. Change orders have been kept to a minimum, which is encouraging although we are still not 50% through the project. However, their progress is extremely good. The cafeteria is essentially erected, the addition to the cafeteria. It is enclosed. The floor has been poured. The roof is currently going on and we will be looking to do paint and finishes and interior work from this point on. We fully expect completion by August 15 on that portion. The parking lot is 90% complete. It is all graded. They have actually laid a base coat of asphalt on and will be installing the curbing and the topcoat in the next couple of weeks over there also. The classroom addition – all of the floors are poured with the exception of the entryway. The masonry is about 60% complete and we expect completion on the concrete by the end of the month with the acceptance of steel and brick following thereafter.

Chairman Herbert asked do you need a vote on the recommended change orders.

Mr. Clougherty answered no. That was mistakenly put into the agenda. I actually called the architect looking for this the other day. During the course of

construction the contractor will come up with extra work order requests. I evaluate them. The architect evaluates them independently and then I ask him for his recommendations and he sends me these recommendations. Based on that, we develop change orders and I bring those change orders to you so no action needs to be taken here. One other item on the McLaughlin addition. In the preliminary designs that were not submitted to anyone officially, but we saw some internally, on the north parking lot area it is extremely close to the "C" section or the newest section of the Green Acres school, which is over on the back side adjacent to both playgrounds. Kevin and I were discussing the possibility and effectiveness of adding a walkway to Green Acres. I wanted to see if anybody on the Committee had any thoughts on that.

Chairman Herbert asked the idea being what.

Mr. Clougherty answered it would allow that parking lot to be used for overflow parking at Green Acres and would provide a walkway to the classroom. It is actually on the West Side of the parking lot.

Alderman Pinard asked how much work is involved and what would the cost be. I think it is a good idea.

Mr. Clougherty answered we don't have any cost estimates at this point. We really wanted to hear whether you thought it was a good idea or totally crazy.

School Committee Member Paradis asked did you have to take some parking spaces to build the addition.

Mr. Clougherty answered no. We took no parking at all to build the addition.

School Committee Member Paradis stated I think it is a good idea. I would like to know what the cost would be.

Mr. Chapman stated I think when we looked at some of the original layouts we thought it would be...if you are standing in front of Green Acres you have the first parking lot, which is where the modulares are now and then this parking lot is off to the left another 20 feet out into the green belt out there. From the first parking area or from this roadway, you have a walkway going up to Green Acres parking lot and it was thought that if you ever had a program or anything at Green Acres that you needed the overflow parking in addition to the regular parking down at McLaughlin and it would be nice to have people walk up from that end rather than walk back out to the roadway and then walk up.

Mr. Clougherty replied otherwise you would be walking opposite the direction of traffic flow and actually there are no sidewalks.

School Committee Member Paradis asked would those be steps.

Mr. Clougherty answered we would look for some alternatives from the architect, but we would want to make it an accessible walkway one way or the other. It would probably be a ramp.

Alderman Thibault asked is there any money in this project to take care of that walkway.

Mr. Clougherty answered right now our contingency funding is looking very good.

Alderman Thibault asked what kind of a cost are we looking at. A few thousand dollars?

Mr. Clougherty answered I would hesitate to venture a guess at this point because we don't know what kind of work is involved. This is very preliminary. We just started talking about. Ron and I have talked about it in the past. What we will do is ask the architect to look at the feasibility of it. That area has wetland problems and if there are wetlands then it is not going to happen but lets take a look at it and if the cost is reasonable...we don't have to issue a change order now for that work but maybe we could wait until we were a little bit further along in construction and comfortable with the contingency amount and then issue a work order for the work.

School Committee Member Paradis stated but it does make sense that if there is a large function at one of the schools that you would need both parking lots. That is a good idea.

Chairman Herbert addressed Item 13 of the agenda:

Central High H&V Phase 6 and Window Replacement -

- a) Project Financial Report
- b) Engineer's Status Report

Mr. Clougherty stated this project is going very well. Demolition is ahead of schedule and installation is a little bit behind. I haven't been over there since Monday, but they were planning on beginning installation on Monday, which they did. They were hoping to get one section up and they did and the contractor felt very positive about the schedule that he proposed the week before. I am meeting with them tomorrow morning and hopefully it will be all positive news.

Everything is looking good at this point as far as the windows go. We spoke last month as far as the asbestos laden caulking and the hazards associated with that and the potential conflict with school personnel during school hours. I did go forward and ask the contractor to accelerate his demolition schedule. He did that. He is looking for some additional compensation. I haven't reviewed the change orders in their entirety, but I believe they are in the amount of \$6,000 or in that neighborhood, which seems reasonable and based on our discussions last month it seems like a reasonable cost to eliminate any potential disruptions or disturbances.

Chairman Herbert stated it is very well worth it in my opinion.

Mr. Clougherty stated I am not necessarily making the promise that the windows will be installed. They most likely will not be installed until after school has started, but our demolition will be complete, which is the area that could be of potential concern to parents, faculty and students.

Mr. Chapman stated I am going to get together with Tim because one of the problems we have obviously is the portable classroom situation at Central. There is going to be some kind of a conflict with these windows so we have to take a look at that. The little gulley where they were doing the work last week where they had it all blocked off, that parking lot. My problem is I don't want to put portables anywhere else. Those seem to be the two most least offensive areas. If I got to put a portable somewhere else to have it ready for school then I don't want to surprise anybody. I will talk with Tim to see what their schedule is to get things done. The portables are supposed to be in and operational by August 24. That is a pretty tight schedule. I have to bring this up to the Building & Sites Committee also. I just don't want anybody surprised by the portable not being ready.

School Committee Member Paradis asked those portables are not going to have any bathrooms in them correct.

Mr. Chapman answered correct.

School Committee Member Paradis asked will they have water in there at all.

Mr. Chapman answered no.

School Committee Member Paradis asked and we are going with Option 2. We are not going with the four in the row right.

Mr. Chapman answered yes.

Alderman Pinard asked are we breaking any rules having no water in the portables.

School Committee Member Paradis answered no. They can go right into the school.

Mr. Clougherty stated I will ask the contractor what the schedule is.

NEW BUSINESS

School Committee Member Paradis stated I just noticed a letter that we received from Kevin Sheppard and it went to the Honorable Board of Mayor and Aldermen. I don't know if it went there last night. It is concerning the Johns Manville settlement fund, which the City constructed additions at Gossler, Jewett and Smyth Road and there is an amount of \$38,000. Did you vote on that last night? It was mailed to the Aldermen and it was mailed to us. I received it on July 12.

Mr. Sheppard stated a letter was sent out to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen. It didn't make this month's agenda. It will be on their next agenda. Those roofs were constructed back in 1989 I believe and they used a phenolic foam insulation on the roofing. There was a lawsuit against the company that manufactured that saying that it was unstable and over time water got through and there was a settlement on it. We have had those roofs checked three times. It is in the letter. Our roofs are fine. As part of the settlement I believe we received \$1 per square foot.

School Committee Member Paradis stated right for a total of \$38,831.

Mr. Sheppard replied right so what I have done is submitted a letter to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen requesting that that money be put into a special account for the maintenance of those three roofs versus going into the general fund or into a revenue account. I would like to have that money set aside for those three roofs for future maintenance.

On motion of Alderman Pinard, duly seconded by Alderman Thibault, it was voted to recommend approval of this recommendation.

Alderman Pinard stated I have talked to you about Hallsville and about the bathroom facilities. I think they are just as old as the school. Seeing that the School District has money I would like somebody to see if those bathroom facilities can be upgraded. I think it is a shame for the kids to have to go to the bathroom under those conditions. I am requesting that Mr. Clougherty and Mr. Sheppard come up with a recommendation for our next meeting.

Mr. Sheppard replied you have spoken to me in the past about those bathrooms and I have spoken to Tim and Tim is familiar with them. It is more than just a \$5,000 job to upgrade those bathrooms. What we could do is identify to the School District a project for next year asking for CIP funds for that work. Tim could maybe speak a little more about those conditions.

Mr. Clougherty stated I fully agree that the facilities are in need of serious upgrade. Like you said, some of them are as old as the building. Like Kevin said it is not a small project and unfortunately we don't have a lot of contingency involved in the funding that we have available this year.

Alderman Pinard asked is there a way that it could take priority. CIP comes up with money all the time when somebody needs it. I think this is a case where we are looking at lousy facilities for these children. I think if the CIP Committee was approached on this and established some kind of a priority to get things going...there has to be a way to get these facilities for the kids. They are in very sad shape.

Mr. Clougherty answered unfortunately even if we had the money there is no way we could get it done this summer.

Alderman Pinard stated but you could get it started. You have to start some time.

Mr. Clougherty replied all that we could start is the design really. I think they are the only bathrooms in the school. Those can't be out of use for any time.

School Committee Member Paradis stated but if they start they won't have any bathroom facilities because as Tim said I believe those are the only ones and they are like the old Bakersville ones. I just went there about a month ago and Mr. Davenport was showing me the room and they use part of it for storage. It is a huge room. It has the barriers for the children so they can have some privacy but looking at the ceiling and the wall and all of the bathrooms it looks like a large project.

Mr. Clougherty stated it is a major project. The girl's bathroom I don't even really understand how they came up with a bathroom for that room. It is a huge room. It is twice of the necessary size. They do have storage in there. When we are looking at these projects, we are looking at saw cutting the floor, removing some of the piping, putting in new piping, rearranging the location of the facilities, putting in new hand sinks, and redoing the finishes. In the boy's bathroom they still have the old urinals that are built into the walls. They are actually up on a step. All of that has to be eliminated. It is not a small project.

Alderman Pinard asked can I request that Kevin and Tim...I mean we can stay here all night and talk about facilities and nothing gets done but I would like to make a recommendation that Kevin and Tim go out and get some bids to give us an idea and down the road we can go to CIP to see if they can come up with a recommendation so maybe next year something can be done. I don't think we should go three, four or five years with those conditions. Thank you.

Chairman Herbert stated I think it is reasonable to have them look at it and come up with a recommendation and then we can work it into our priority list for our CIP request next year.

Mr. Sheppard replied right. Typically the Building & Sites Committee would identify it as a project but what we will do is for next year's CIP when we are in the planning process we will identify that project and put a number to it and then the Building & Sites Committee can help prioritize the School District's side.

Chairman Herbert stated your concerns are accurate. It is just that this is a major project.

School Committee Member Paradis stated unfortunately there are other projects in other schools like the \$131,000 for the electrical upgrade at Bakersville and that is really a safety factor down there.

Chairman Herbert stated I have a small item. I got a call in reference to the location of the portables at McDonough. The concern was that the portables...I haven't been down to look at it but the feeling was that the portables were going to be put at the corner of Highland and Lowell. An abutter called and said that they didn't like the idea to begin with and the second point that kind of got my attention was that there were concerns about the blocking of the visibility site lines at that intersection because of the structure. Given that it is a school and there is a lot of activity at certain parts of the day, the idea of having the corner site line blocked raised a flag with me. There is a lot of space out back. I don't know what the rationale was for putting it there. I know that that side of the school has the cafeteria I guess.

Mr. Chapman stated it was for ease of access for children to get in and out of the building. It is not going to be a classroom where they just stay there all day long.

School Committee Member Paradis asked isn't there a stop sign there too.

Mr. Sheppard asked is that going to be at the corner real close to the sidewalk or is that going to be more in line with the building going further north.

Mr. Chapman answered it is going to be angled in so that we don't have to take the trees out.

Chairman Herbert stated my request is that somebody from Traffic or Highway go and look at that.

Mr. Chapman replied I don't think the site lines are going to be a problem because we are going to be on the inside.

Chairman Herbert stated the person said that where she saw the stakes it looked like the trees were going to have to come down. The other thing is I would must like the rationale for why...the back side of the building I mean the hallway that runs down the middle of that building comes right out the back side and there is plenty of space there. I was just wondering...

Mr. Chapman interjected is that down in the playground.

Chairman Herbert stated well you actually have two locations down on the playground.

Mr. Chapman replied well one of the issues...because that initially was from my perspective...I mean the finance guy is looking for the cheapest set up right and that would have been the cheapest set-up. The problem is the bathroom hook-up from that end has to go I don't know where because you have to have a bathroom in that unit because you are more than 100 feet from a bathroom. Also, the former principal and the current principal were not in favor of having the play area eaten up by the portable, which for the amount of children they have there they felt it was imperative that they have as much open space for the kids to get out and utilize as possible. That was the rationale. The cost may be a trade-off but at that location, the location we are looking at, the portable is going to be angled in.

Chairman Herbert stated I don't understand the cost situation. Which is cheaper, the backside or the front side?

Mr. Chapman replied the front side is going to be less expensive because of the sewer tie in right into Highland Street. That is one of the things they looked at.

Chairman Herbert asked can you do me a favor. This concern was from the Goley family and I am not sure which corner actually they are across from but they are quite disturbed.

Mr. Chapman stated I knew when we went up there and they told me that this is where they think it should be...right off the top I knew it wasn't going to be a popular spot with the neighbors because they are going to be looking right at it.

Chairman Herbert stated we owe them an explanation I guess. Can I get an effort on your part to talk to them?

Mr. Chapman replied sure.

Chairman Herbert stated I just wanted to tell you gentlemen that the Coordination Committee at our meeting last Wednesday voted to recommend to the full Board that we go back to the Aldermen and request additional funding for those maintenance employees.

Alderman Thibault asked for this year.

Chairman Herbert answered yes. We were unable to get that funding. I know that I criticized the Aldermen last year because it was in there last year and you guys cut it out even though I think about 80% of the funding obviously comes out of our budget.

School Committee Member Paradis asked Tim are those the ones that Barbara wanted.

Mr. Clougherty answered are you talking about the building maintenance technicians.

Chairman Herbert stated yes. They were to concentrate on fixing all of the aches and pains that the school buildings get that we can never seem to get at.

Mr. Sheppard stated Ron and I were going to meet this afternoon and we weren't able to get together but one thing we need to confirm with the School District is what is in the School District budget. I am sure Ron knows as far as chargebacks. Frank Thomas wrote a letter to Norm in June. He just wanted to verify and ask the School Board to take another look at what we had proposed and I am assuming that the painters are out and the three FTE's for ServiceMaster at the grade schools are out, and the mobile floor team is out. We just need to confirm that with Ron.

Alderman Thibault asked are you saying that the painters are in and working.

Mr. Sheppard answered no. The painters are in our building maintenance budget but they are only there if they can be charged back to the School District because the City is carrying a revenue on the other side.

Alderman Thibault asked haven't they cleared that up yet. I thought they were working on that.

Mr. Chapman stated I think the things they we took out were the extra personnel hired by the Building Maintenance Unit and some work that they had in for French Hall and a few other things. There is a list of things that were omitted and have been pulled out of the plan. The ServiceMaster additional people though, is in there.

Mr. Sheppard stated we had asked for two painters, a building maintenance technician and a plumber for part-time.

School Committee Member Paradis stated you people at PBS had people taken out years back correct.

Mr. Sheppard replied yes.

Mr. Chapman stated the Aldermen left it in Building Maintenance's budget for this year pending School Board approval to follow through. Kevin is saying we just want to tie that in because obviously they don't want to get caught later by spending that money and not having it be a chargeback.

School Committee Member Paradis asked do we have to subcontract then. If we really need someone for ventilation or something or painters even, do we subcontract?

Mr. Sheppard answered yes. We subcontract some of the heating and ventilation but the painters, as everyone probably knows, there is not much painting that goes on in the schools.

Chairman Herbert stated last time we got hammered for overspending and one of the things we learned was don't do it and if we want to do it we have to go back to the Aldermen. I am just telling you that we will be coming in with a request.

Mr. Sheppard stated we have the money in the budget but it is contingent upon the School District paying that money back. If the School District didn't include it in the budget, we cannot spend that money.

Alderman Thibault asked but if the Aldermanic Board gave them a budget...you know they asked for what they felt they should have and we gave them what we felt we could give. I am sure if they come back to the Board and say well we are not going to do this and we are not going to do that, that is not going to fly.

Somebody is going to have to cut someplace over there. The other departments cut.

Chairman Herbert stated in terms of the tax amount raised, are you telling me that this money is actually going to be raised but it won't be spent because it will be on your side of the budget.

Mr. Sheppard replied I am not a finance person and maybe Ron understands it better but from what I understand it has been raised on our side on our budget but on the other side they carry it as a revenue so, therefore, it has zero impact. The three positions that we asked for or the three and a half positions is \$126,000. Obviously it affects your budget but on the City side it is a wash.

Chairman Herbert stated so there is no impact but if we do it there is an impact.

Mr. Chapman replied correct.

Chairman Herbert stated I don't understand. I want to get this clear in my mind. I am a little confused.

Mr. Chapman stated if you give me \$1 to spend and you think that Hank is going to give you \$1 and Hank says well no I am not going to give you the \$1 then I can't spend the \$1.

Chairman Herbert replied but there is another party out there, the taxpayer. If that \$1 is in somebody's budget, is that \$1 raised through taxes?

Mr. Chapman responded on the City side every dollar that they were going to raise is put into the revenue side and that is money coming back to the schools.

Chairman Herbert asked so the Aldermen put a figure on their side of the budget but they never raised the money for it.

Mr. Chapman replied they thought they were going to get income for it from the School District.

Chairman Herbert stated but they didn't put enough money in the School District budget to raise the income for those positions.

Mr. Chapman replied in their mind they did. They gave us a lump sum amount.

Alderman Thibault asked in the school budget, are these three and a half people included.

School Committee Member Paradis answered no.

Mr. Sheppard replied they were in their original budget.

Alderman Thibault stated well I certainly misunderstood something someplace.

Mr. Chapman stated the Aldermen put together a budget that had the chargeback number at what Highway put in.

Chairman Herbert replied which would include the coverage of three people.

Mr. Chapman stated from our side we had to take what the Aldermen gave us and get our budget down to their number.

Chairman Herbert stated well I just want you to know that formerly we are going to make an effort to do this and you guys can vote it up or down.

Alderman Thibault stated we can discuss it but I believed that once you got your final budget from the Aldermen that those three and a half positions were in there. At least that is what I believed.

School Committee Member Paradis replied not with the final cut.

Alderman Thibault stated but the final cuts came from the School Board.

There being no further business, on motion of Alderman Pinard, duly seconded by Alderman Thibault, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

Clerk of Committee